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1. The official propaganda center of the Tientsin Soviet community, known as the Soviet Information Bureau, is a VOKS enterprise under Moscow domination through the Soviet Consulate in Tientsin. The official opening of this new project was celebrated with a banquet given by the Consulate on 31 May at the Soviet Club. Yuri (Georgi) Vladimirovich Semenov, former Shanghai assistant manager of Asia Film Company and now a leader of the Tientsin Soviet Youth group, is in charge of this office.
2. Semenov is 27 years of age, blonde, good-looking, and intelligent. He is a graduate of St. Louis College, Tientsin, and is well versed on political subjects. Semenov's father is Vladimir Alekseyevich Semenov, former member of the Russian Emigre Committee during the Japanese occupation. Vladimir Semenov is well known as a Soviet propagandist. He owns a Russian lending-library and bookstore on Taku Road, Tientsin. Although they do not speak French, Yuri and his wife will soon go to France on a special mission. Yuri's present position has provided him with the opportunity to review the training and methods of Communist propaganda.
3. Yuri's present position with VOKS was obtained through the assistance and influence of his father-in-law, V. Paramonov. Paramonov is approximately 50 years of age. During 1946 and 1947 Paramonov acted as repairs contractor for the Peiping Executive Headquarters, where he secured the plans for all buildings occupied by the U. S. Army in the area and turned them over to the Soviet Consulate. Paramonov, though qualifying only as a technician, is now the technical advisor for the Soviet Consulates in Peiping and Tientsin.
4. The meeting place of the Seventh Day Adventists, 23 Huhsi Road, is well stocked with Soviet propaganda literature. Mr. Karloshville (full name unknown) is the leader of this group. [REDACTED] Comment. for further information on Seventh Day Adventists' activities [REDACTED] 25X1A 25X1A
5. The propaganda section of the Soviet Citizens' Association in Tientsin, in preparing for the anticipated third repatriation group, has been divided into the following groups: (1) work among the Jews: Rafial Tunik, David Silektor and L. Kaufman; (2) work among the unenthusiastic Soviets: N. F. Bushkov (director of the Soviet High School), Priest Sinaisky, L. Khoroshavin and A. Malandin; (3) work among the emigres and former Soviets who have returned to emigre status: Dr. Lelchitsky.

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